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## VIA HAND-DELIVERY

The Honorable Charles L.A. Terreni Chief Clerk/Administrator Public Service Commission of South Carolina 101 Executive Center Drive Columbia, South Carolina 29210

RE:

Application of Tega Cay Water Service, Inc.

Docket No. 2006-97-WS

Dear Mr. Terreni:

I am writing to you in reference to the public hearing held in Fort Mill, South Carolina on July 11, 2006, by the Commission in the above referenced matter. As you are aware, at the commencement of the hearing, Tega Cay Water Service, Inc. ("TCWS") made a continuing objection to testimony consisting of unsubstantiated complaints regarding customer service, quality of service, or customer relations issues. The basis of this objection was that the receipt and reliance on such testimony would deny the applicant due process of law, permits complaint procedures established under law and Commission Regulations to be circumvented and is not a proper basis to determine just and reasonable rates. In responding to the objection, the Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") requested TCWS to submit a letter to the Commission setting forth the specific portions of the testimony to which the Company objects, the reason for the company's objection, and the identity of the speaker.

In accordance with ORS's request, TCWS herein sets forth the portions of the testimony to which it objects:

Witness Kay Conner

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<sup>\*</sup>ALSO ADMITTED IN TX

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# Witness Stephen Johnson

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## Witness Mary Jane Myers

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#### Witness Donna Britsch

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#### Witness Bernard Klena

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#### Witness Linda Stevenson

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## Witness Alina Howington

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#### Witness David Wolfe

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## Witness Tom Fogerty

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The Company also objects to the following Hearing Exhibits filed with the Commission purporting to support or corroborate the portions of testimony to which TCWS objects.

Hearing Exhibit #1 sponsored by Witness Stephen Johnson Hearing Exhibit #2 sponsored by Witness Mary Jane Myers Hearing Exhibit #3 sponsored by Witness Linda Stevenson

Hearing Exhibit #4 sponsored by Witness Alina Howington

Hearing Exhibit #5 sponsored by Witness David Wolfe

The objection to the above referenced portions of testimony and the related exhibits is generally based upon TCWS's assertion that these statements relate to unsubstantiated complaints. In most or all cases, the customers' testimony does not reflect the timeframe of the issues complained of, whether the customers complained to the company, or whether the customers filed a formal complaint with the Commission. Additionally, TCWS has approximately 1800 water customers and 1700 wastewater customers. Of these customers, only 9 customers, or 0.51%, testified before the Commission. This level of customer testimony is de minimis and immaterial and is, therefore, not an appropriate reflection of or substantial evidence regarding the Company's services.

If you need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me. With best regards, I am,

Sincerely,

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